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SUBJECT: ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE U.S.-BRAZIL FRAMEWORK SPACE
AGREEMENT THROUGH JAN. 31, 2010

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DISTRIBUTION.

1. (SBU) On January 29, 2009, ESTH Counselor delivered to the Ministry of External Relations (MRE), Division for the Sea, Antarctica and Space, the diplomatic note (no. 49), per REFTEL, agreeing to the Brazilian proposal that the U.S.-Brazil Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space be extended for one year through January 31, 2010. Previously, the Government of Brazil had delivered to Post a diplomatic note (DMAE/CGEUC/DAI/01/MESP BRAS EUA) dated January 5, 2009, proposing such a one-year extension. Copies of both notes (and an informal translation of the Brazilian note) have been sent to OES/EGC and WHA/BSC.

2. (SBU) An informal translation of the Brazilian note proposing the extension and the text of the USG response accepting the proposal are provided below:

Begin Informal Translation of Brazilian Note

DMAE/CGEUC/DAI/01/MESP BRAS EUA

January 5, 2009.

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honor to refer to the Framework Agreement between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, signed in Brasilia, on the first day of March, 1996, which was extended until January 31, 2009, through the exchange of Notes.

2. In that respect, I propose that the Framework Agreement, in accordance with Article 13, be extended for another year, until January 31, 2010.

3. If the proposed extension is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, this Note and the note from Your Excellency in which acceptance is expressed will constitute an agreement between our Governments for the extension of the aforementioned Framework Agreement, which will go into effect on the date of the Note with the response from Your Excellency.

4. I would like to take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

SAMUEL PINHEIRO GUIMARCES

Acting Minister for External Relations

To His Excellency Mr.
CLIFFORD MICHAEL SOBEL
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of
America
Brasilia-DF

End Informal Translation of Brazilian Note

Begin Text of USG Response Note

No. 49

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to your note DMAE/CGEUC/DAI/01/MESP BRAS
EUA, dated January 5, 2009, proposing that the Framework Agreement
Between the Government of the United States of America and the
Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on Cooperation in
the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, signed at Brasilia March 1, 1996,
as extended (hereinafter referred to as "the 1996 Agreement"), be
extended for an additional year, through January 31, 2010,
consistent with Article 13 of the 1996 Agreement.

I am pleased to recognize the significant achievements in
cooperative activities in space of the two Governments under the
1996 Agreement, and to express the desire of the United States that

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their mutually beneficial relationship continues.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Government of the United States of
America, I have the honor to accept your proposal and to confirm
that your note and this note in reply constitute an agreement to
extend the 1996 Agreement for an additional year, through January
31, 2010, and that the agreement enters into force on the date of
this reply note.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Lisa Kubiske
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of the United States of America

Brasilia, January 29, 2009.

End Text of USG Response Note

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